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SUBJECT: ANGLO-AMERICAN WHEAT PROJECT

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NAIROBI FOR AGATT, MBABANE FOR OSARAC

1. WHILE STATE, AID AND AGRICULTURE SYMPATHETIC TO EFFORTS BY ANGLO-AMERICAN (ZAMANGLO) TO INCREASE POTENTIAL FOR WHEAT PRODUCTION IN ZAMBIA, FACT THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN IS PRIVATE FOREIGN ENTERPRISE PRECLUDES AID FROM EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT. IN TURN, USDA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERTAKE RESEARCH OR OTHER ASSISTANCE EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH AID PROGRAM OR IN RELATIVELY RARE INSTANCES WHERE USDA HAS DIRECT AGREEMENT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT CONSEQUENTLY, AT THIS JUNCTURE IT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT SEEM THAT USG AGENCIES WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST ZAMANGLO PROJECT.

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HOWEVER, IF ZAMANGLO WERE TO BE DESIGNATED IN SOME WAY

BY GRZ AS AGENT FOR GOVERNMENT IN WHEAT RESEARCH AND GRZ WERE TO MAKE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PROJECT, INTERESTED AGENCIES, WITHOUT MAKING ANY PRECOMMITMENT, WOULD BE WILLING RECONSIDER MATTER IN LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. AID PREPARING LIST TO BE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL OF APPROPRIATE UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE WILLING PROVIDE ZAMANGLO ADVICE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND MIGHT BE

USEFUL IN SEARCH FOR AGRONOMIST.

3. USDA ADVISES THAT GILGAE SOILS NOT CHARACTERISTICALLY FOUND IN UNITED STATES. THEREFORE, LITERATURE WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL LARGELY CONFINED TO TEXTBOOKS WHICH IT NOT REPEAT NOT ABLE TO SUPPLY. HOWEVER, USDA ATTEMPTING TO PUT TOGETHER BIBLIOGRAPHY WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

4. IN VIEW ALL OF ABOVE, IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO FORWARD SOIL SAMPLES. IN ANY CASE SOILS TESTING PER SE WOULD NOT SERVE ANY PURPOSE UNLESS CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH MORE BASIC ON-SITE SOILS CAPABILITY STUDY. AID BELIEVES THAT IT LIKELY SUCH CAPABILITY STUDY AND SOIL CLASSIFICATION HAS ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN THROUGH AUSPICES OF FAO. EMBASSY MAY WISH SUGGEST THAT ZAMANGLO QUERY UNDP OFFICE IN LUSAKA ON THIS POINT. KISSINGER

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